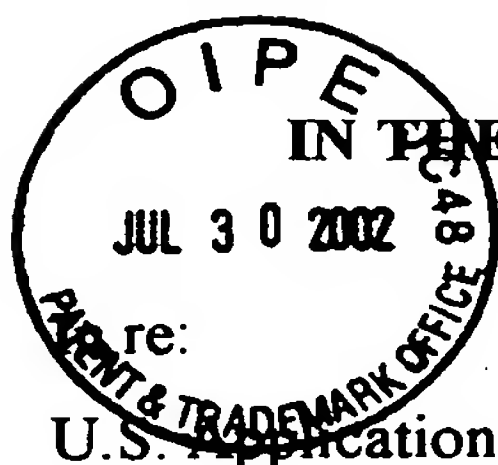


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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

This Amendment is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 26, 2002
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Amendments to the claims are presented herein by presenting a complete set of
pending claims, as amended, in clean form. Also, an Appendix entitled "Version With
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